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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CVIS, VS, CGEN

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE  
TO VIETNAMESE

1. POST RECEIVING GREAT VOLUME OF REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS  
OF CONGRESS THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR THEEVACUATION OF  
CERTAIN VIETNAMESE CITIZENS, MOST RELATED TO AMERICAN  
CITIZENS BUT MANY WHO BECAUSE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH U.S.  
INTERESTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN JEOPARDY.

2. GVN REQUIRES ITS CITIZENS OBTAIN EXIT VISAS AND  
PASSPORTS TO DEPART. THESE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO  
OBTAIN, BUT WHILE THIS REQUIREMENT EXISTS, THERE NO  
BASIS ON WHICH EMBASSY CAN REMOVE VIETNAMESE CITIZENS FROM  
THIS COUNTRY. SHOULD GENERAL EVACUATION OCCUR, EMBASSY  
INTENDS MAKE EVERY EFFORT HUMANLY POSSIBLE EVACUATE AS  
MANY SUCH VIETNAMESE CITIZENS AS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF  
GVN DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

3. NEEDLESS TO SAY IF THIS WERE TO BECOME KNOWN PROSPECTS  
FOR ANY SUCCESS WOULD BE MOST SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED. MOREOVER  
WE ARE SIMPLY IN NO POSITION TO REPLY INDIVIDUALLY TO EACH  
INQUIRY ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE INTENSE PRESSURE WE ARE UNDER  
TO REDUCE ALREADY OVERWORKED STAFF. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEST SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOR DEPARTMENT TO QUIETLY BRIEF MEMBERS  
OF CONGRESS AND INFORM THEM THAT ALTHOUGH NO REPLIES WILL BE  
SENT THEIR INQUIRIES, ALL PERSONS IN WHOM THEY INTERESTED WILL  
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BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION SHOULD EVACUATION OCCUR.

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